

## DEATH TAKES PROMINENT FIGURE FROM CONGRESS

Benjamin F. Shively, Senior Senator From Indiana, Dies After Illness of Many Months.

### REGARDED AS TARIFF EXPERT

He Was Ranking Democratic Member of Foreign Relations Committee and Acted as Chairman During Period of Vera Cruz Occupation.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Benjamin F. Shively, senior Senator from Indiana, and for years a prominent figure in Congress, died late to-day at a hospital here. He had been ill many months from a complication of diseases, and for more than a year had been unable to perform actively his official duties. He was fifty-eight years old.

During three terms in the House and the seven years he had been in the Senate, Senator Shively had devoted his activities particularly to foreign affairs and tariff legislation. At the time of his death he was ranking Democratic member of the Foreign Relations Committee, of which he had been acting chairman during the critical period preceding and during the American occupation of Vera Cruz.

In the House he had been regarded as a tariff expert, serving conspicuously on the Ways and Means Committee, and later, as a member of an important subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee, exerted a powerful influence in the framing of the Underwood-Simmons tariff law.

Senator Kern, in announcing his colleague's death in the Senate, said he was performing the saddest duty of his official life. Both there and in the House resolutions of regret were adopted, committees were appointed to attend the funeral and adjournment was taken as a further mark of respect.

### UNABLE TO ATTEND SESSIONS OF SENATE

Senator Shively had suffered from diabetes for nearly fifteen years, and a resulting concrens growth in the throat confined him to his bed in February of last year. He was not able to attend the present session of Congress except on the day he took the oath of office for his second term. His condition became more critical last night. Mrs. Shively, a son and daughter were in the sickroom during his last hours.

The body will be taken to South Bend for burial.

During his illness Senator Shively was visited several times by President Wilson, who rallied him as a warm personal friend. Tonight the President sent a letter of condolence to Mrs. Shively.

### MAY APPOINT FAGGART TO FILL OUT HIS TERM

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 14.—No successor to Senator Shively, whose death occurred in Washington to-day, can be elected until next November, and though no one in authority would make any comment to day, it was generally believed Governor Samuel M. Ralston would appoint Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committee man, to serve in the interim. Since the primaries at which candidates for nominations for United States Senator were voted for was held last Tuesday, no nominations will be made in the state conventions held in April.

Governor Ralston tonight sent a telegram to Senator Kern at Washington requesting that Senator Shively's body be in state at the Capitol at Indianapolis for one day before the funeral, providing Mrs. Shively had no objections.

Benjamin Franklin Shively, born on a farm in St. Joseph county, Indiana, on March 20, 1857, the son of Rev. Joel Shively, a preacher-farmer, has been prominent in the political history of that State since 1881, when he was first elected to Congress. He was sent to Washington then for the unexpired term of Major William H. Collins, who resigned to accept the Republican nomination for Governor. He was re-elected in 1888, 1890, and 1896, and declined to be nominated in 1892.

When he left the House Mr. Shively returned to the practice of law at South Bend and became one of the leading lawyers of Indiana.

The Democrats paid Mr. Shively the honor of giving him their party's complimentary vote for United States Senator in 1892 and again in 1896 and elected him to the office on January 15, 1899. He won over John Worth Kern, who later also became a United States Senator, on the twentieth ballot of the Democratic caucus. He was re-elected in 1904, by the direct vote of the people, the first Senator to receive his election in this way in Indiana.

During his early life Mr. Shively had seriously considered becoming a carpenter, but when he learned that some of his chums were making \$10 a month as teachers, he decided to be an educator, and entered the Northern Indiana Normal School.

After he became a member of Congress he took up the study of law, and received his degree in that profession at the University of Michigan in 1886.

The newspaper profession at one time also almost won the Senator. Af-

### Indiana Senator Dead



### Battle Cruisers Are Sorely Needed

Captain Sims Tells House Committee Eight or Nine Should Be Built at Once.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Immediate construction of eight or nine battle cruisers to provide an element of strength now lacking in the ranks of the American fleet, was urged before the House Naval Committee to-day by Captain Sims, commanding the battleship Nevada.

The captain also advised the building of many additional destroyers. He said there had been no solution of the problem of protecting a fleet against torpedo attack in open sea, and the navy should have plenty of fast craft to chase off destroyer and submarine enemies.

Much information was given the committee by the witness concerning the navies of the world and their operations. He said it was improbable that any great expedition against the United States ever would start from the other side of the Atlantic, but that some point in the West Indies probably would be used as a base. He strongly urged that the Navy Department be open to popular advice by selection instead of seniority.

Before the hearings began Chairman Padgett conferred with Assistant Wilson, who urged him to speed up work on the naval appropriation bill. The chairman said he expected the hearings to be concluded within two weeks.

Thomas A. Edison and other experts will appear to-morrow to tell the committee of the necessity of erecting a great experimental laboratory here in the interest of national defense.

In the course of today's hearing Captain Sims said Secretary Daniels was the first Secretary of the Navy upon whom those favoring protection by selection had made any impression.

"If he puts it across," said the captain, "he will stand out above all other Secretaries of the Navy, for it will make a tremendous increase in naval efficiency."

The witness referred to what he called "frightful mistakes" of Kentucky and other pre-Dreadnoughts, which, owing to set designs made them particularly vulnerable to long-range fire under the changed gunnery conditions of recent years.

"As to the turrets of the Connecticut class, immediately preceding the first Dreadnoughts," Captain Sims added, "I venture the prediction that anyone probably would go out of action with the first long-range gunfire that hits it. These turrets were built for short-range action instead of long-range shells which would effectively hit their sloping roofs."

### CONSTRUCTIVE SESSIONS OF BOTH HOUSES TO-DAY

Speaker Houston and Lieutenant-Governor Elliston Signing Bills Before They Go to Governor.

The Senate and House of Delegates will hold constructive sessions at noon to-day to enable the presiding officers of the two houses to sign enrolled bills. About seventy-five bills have been enrolled and await the signature of Speaker Houston, of the House, and President Elliston of the Senate.

The House will follow the usual procedure. The presiding officers will formally rap the houses to order and all business will be suspended while the enrolled bills are signed. This operation completed, one of the five or six members in attendance will move an adjournment until the next constructive session—probably Friday.

The make-believe sessions are made necessary by the constitutional provision requiring the bills to be signed by the presiding officers of the two houses, while the General Assembly is in regular session. Although all but the Richmond members of the Legislature have departed from their homes, the General Assembly is still legally in session, and will remain in session until it adjourns sine die the end of this week.

Governor Stuart has completed the consideration of all the bills submitted to him, and is now waiting for the batch of seventy-five or more that will be sent to the executive office after to-day's constructive session.

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### DESCRIBES CELEBRATION OF MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL

**Miss Adele Clark Tells of Great New Orleans Pageant at Art Club of Richmond.**

The Art Club of Richmond had a most interesting session yesterday afternoon, when brilliantly colored slides of the Mardi Gras boats were thrown upon the screen. The pictures were explained by Miss Adele Clark, one of the officers and instructors of the club. Of interest was the fact that the grandfather of Mrs. W. L. T. Rogerson, who presided during the afternoon was one of the Creoles who more than seventy years ago first organized the Mardi Gras of New Orleans, the oldest Mardi Gras organization of the city.

"Mardi Gras in New Orleans," said Miss Clark, "combines the romance and poetry of the Latin carnival of Rome and Paris with the efficiency of American organization."

She told of how the whole affair is veiled in mystery until the day of the carnival, and how Rex is discovered along up the Mississippi River in his gaily costumed yacht. This year the pageant of Rex showed twenty boats depicting "Alice Prodigy," "Poetry," "The Raven" and "Midsummer Night Dream," these being of special interest to members of the Art Club.

"Glimpses of Modern Art" presented by Coons this year showed a history of modern art movements in poetry, drama and painting.

The final number shown was that of the coronation of Proteus, showing for the most part a romance of Robin Hood and Maid Marian, the homecoming of Richard the Lion-Hearted, the "Prophets of Merlin" and a travesty of a poem by Alfred Noyes, "They shall wander immortal through Sherwood," etc.

Miss W. L. T. Rogerson, formerly of New Orleans, was chairman for the afternoon. Misses Davenport and Haygrave presided in the teatroom.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE CALLED

**Will Take Up Proposed Bond Issue at Special Meeting To-Night.**

Colonel Barton H. Grundy, chairman, has called a special meeting of the Finance Committee to-night at 8 o'clock. The committee will consider again the ordinance providing for a \$2,000,000 bond issue, referred back to it by the Committee on Finance, and a list of appropriations asked of it by members of the lower branch.

The Ordinance Committee will meet to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, and the subcommittee on streets will meet in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

### Pined for Disorder.

Oliver Green, arrested by Policemen J. J. Smith and Galbraith on a charge of maintaining a disorderly house at 636 North Seventh Street, was fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court yesterday.

### Concealed Pistol.

William Bailey, colored, arrested by Police Officer Lumpkin on a charge of carrying a concealed pistol, was fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court yesterday.

# Spring Fashions for 1916

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